

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2019**

Members present: Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Alan VanRaalte, and Mr. Bill Liebert

Excused: Mr. Jim Winkler

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Ms. Heidi Chavez and Ms. Megan Mode

Public: None

**1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:**

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – April 23, 2019:**

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of April 23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

None.

**Veterans Services:**

**1. Veterans Benefits Expo Debrief:**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski stated the expo was very successful and generated a lot of business. There were 139 people who signed in (mostly veterans), approximately 60% of whom came with another person, for a minimum of 200 people in attendance. Ms. Javenkoski will cut down the hours of the next expo, to be held in two years, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**2. VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018:**

The MISSION Act is the latest enhancement to the Veterans Choice Program, which authorizes veterans in the VA health care system to use non-VA health care in certain situations. Some of the biggest changes are veterans who are now further than 30 driving minutes from a VA facility that provides primary or mental health care may be eligible to see a non-VA provider. Additionally, veterans who are further than 60 driving minutes from a VA facility that provides specialty care may be eligible. There are several other changes, and Ms. Javenkoski will be writing a news article in June outlining the MISSION Act and its changes.

4. **2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:**  
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to accept the April 2019 Financial/Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**  
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Audit of Payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**  
2018 Annual Report  
2020 Staffing Request

**Social Services:**

1. **Out-of-Home Care Statistic/Discussion:**  
Ms. Mary Rideout presented graphs detailing youth placed in out-of-home care and the reason for those placements, with majority being drug and alcohol abuse. Discussion was had on this, as well as the ages of children placed out of the home. Ms. Heidi Chavez also presented statistics from 2017 through 2019 on out-of-home care costs. Ms. Rideout stated 64% of the 2019 budget, as of April, has already been spent on these placements.
2. **Children's Long Term Support and Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) Funds – Relationship to Social Service Programs:**  
Ms. Chavez informed the Committee of the Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) program that is administered by The Human Service Center. This program can reimburse for services provided to children with long-term disabilities in the community or who are placed in Foster Care or Treatment Foster Care. Ms. Chavez presented two examples of how CLTS funding can help support children/youth in Foster Care. The Children's Services Support position will be the liaison in making referrals for CLTS and other programs available at The Human Service Center. Ms. Rideout also presented the CCOP Expenditure Update provided by The Human Service Center. These funds can be used as a match for CLTS funds.
3. **Agency Update; Staffing, MOU Status, Human Service Center Quality Improvement Plan, Foster Care Grant Update:**
  - Offers have been made on the Social Worker and Economic Support Specialist vacancies. Katie Fleischmann started on May 13, 2019 as a Finance Technician. Recruitment has begun for the part-time Account Technician position.
  - There is no signed agreement on the 51.55 MOU, and nothing has been received on the 48.51 MOU with The Human Service Center.

- Ms. Rideout has a meeting/interview scheduled with Patrick Cork on May 31, 2019 regarding The Human Service Center's Quality Improvement Plan.
- Ms. Rideout and Ms. Rachel Nelson attended the foster parent appreciation celebration held at The Waters in Minocqua, which was a very nice event. The nine county Foster Parent Grant ends June 30, 2019. The Department requested another grant to begin July 1, 2019, but was not awarded. There will be unspent funds carried over from the initial grant.

**6. 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:**

The Committee reviewed the Financial and Statistical Reports. Ms. Rideout informed of the projected 2019 budget deficit of \$468,57200.

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to approve the 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**

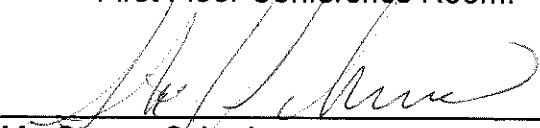
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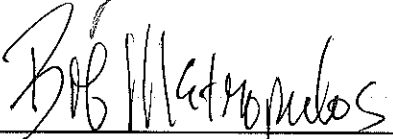
**8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

None.

**9. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room.

  
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 Mr. Steven Schreier

  
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 Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson

Date: May 28, 2019

